



POLICE DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

Wethersfield



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SPECIAL PROJECTS / ACHIEVEMENTS / INNOVATIONS

A request was sent out for volunteers interested in creating a Domestic Violence team to assist with future implementation of the LAP Program and to facilitate follow-ups as necessary.

During the month of May 2016, members of the Detective Bureau initiated or were assigned follow up to ten (10) new cases. The major case investigations involved; four (4) burglaries, one (1) assault and one (1) sudden death. Detectives also continue to perform town background investigations and backgrounds for pistol permits applicants.

The Wethersfield Police Cadets participated in the Cadet Stations Day Competition at the Connecticut Police Academy in Meriden on 05/07/16.

Probationary/Certified Police Officers Gustavo Rodriguez and Jakub Owczarski were hired during the week of May 16, 2016. Both have begun their Field Training and expect to be ready for solo patrol around the middle of July.

Wethersfield Police Department, with the assistance of other Mid-State Police Departments held a Driving Under the Influence (DUI) Checkpoint on Thursday, May 5, 2016 on the Berlin Turnpike south of Nott Street. 723 vehicles were briefly stopped by officers with 20 motorists being flagged by the officers for DUI testing or other investigative interviews.

- Twelve (12) motorists were detained for DUI assessment. Pre-exit tests were conducted on six (6) motorists and Standardized Field Sobriety Tests were conducted on six (6) motorists with insufficient probable cause established to make arrests in nine (9) cases. **There were three (3) arrests for DUI.**
- One (1) motorist was charged with Possession of Less Than One-Half Ounce of a Cannabis-Type Substance.
- Six (6) motorists were charged with Operating an Unregistered Motor Vehicle.
- One (1) motorist was charged with Driving without a License.

The new Wethersfield Police Marine Patrol boat was placed into service and has been docked at the Wethersfield Cove docks. Marine Patrol Officers are receiving training on the operation and handling of this vessel.

During the month of May 2016 AT&T technicians installed the NG911 system at the Wethersfield Police PSAP Center. All dispatchers and dispatch-certified officers received training on this new system. Effective May 31, 2016 the PSAP was cutover to use the new system. All systems were tested with the NG911, including the Harris radio system, the Town of Wethersfield phone system and the Audio-log system and all were found to be operational.

MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

Patrol Division

Patrol Division (Case of Interest)

On Tuesday May 10, 2016 at 1:26 PM officers responded to Marshall's at 1130 Silas Deane Highway for the report of a shoplifting. Arriving officers met in the parking lot with the complainant, which was Marshall's loss prevention (LP) officer. He stated at approximately 12:30 PM he observed a white female (female # 1) in the women's department with several items that didn't have hangers on them. He then observed female # 1 rip off the price tickets of the items. He then saw female # 1 approach another female (female # 2) in the shoe department showing her the items. He stated female # 2 placed down some of the items and walked away. He then watched as female # 1 tried on several high heels and placed a pair of white ones on her feet. Female # 1 also picked up a pair of Michael Kors high heels, ripped off the price tag, and tried them on. He watched as female # 1 walked to the front of the store where she was waiting for female # 2 who was cashing out at the register. Female # 1 selected a pair of socks and removed her green jacket. He stated female # 1 used her jacket to cover up all the items she had and she walked out of the store passing all points of purchase. The items female # 1 had were 1 pair of head socks (worth \$5.99 total), 1 pair of white high heels (worth \$24.99 total), 1 pair of Michael Kors heels (worth \$59.99 total), 1 blue shirt (worth \$16.99 total), 1 white/blue shirt (worth \$16.99 total), and 1 blue skirt (worth \$14.99 total). The items were worth a total of \$139.94. In the parking lot LP pointed out female # 1 to the officer. She was identified from her CT driver's license. She continuously yelled out "I can't get arrested! Please, I will pay for the merchandise!" Female #2 stated that female #1 has a problem with stealing. Female #2 was not involved in helping with the shoplifting. A State Police Records Check on female #1 showed 18 prior arrests with multiple larcenies. Female #1 was arrested and transported to Police Headquarters. She was charged with Larceny 6th Degree. She was released on a non-surety bond scheduling her to appear at New Britain court on 5/24/16.

On May 22, 2016 at 8:31 AM officers were dispatched to Marshall's at 1130 Silas Deane Hwy for the report of a shoplifter who was in the custody of loss prevention (LP). Arriving officers made contact with LP who stated that a male had concealed items. LP stated that the male is a store employee. The male was identified by his Connecticut driver's license. LP received a tip from management that the employee, who is a maintenance worker at Marshalls, had switched the tags on multiple items and was suspected in taking of other items. LP stated that while monitoring the male on store surveillance he watched him come across a wallet that was on the floor in an aisle. LP observed the employee conceal the wallet in his pocket and that the store price ticket was still attached. LP then observed the employee sweeping up a box that contained perfume. The employee then took the perfume out of the box and concealed it in his pocket. LP then approached the employee in the store and asked him to return to the loss prevention office in which he did. The wallet concealed by the employee was a "Calvin Klein Wallet," valued at \$9.99 and that the perfume was "Dolce & Gabbana Perfume," valued at \$39.99. The total amount of items taken was \$49.98. The employee was arrested and read his Miranda warnings in which he stated that he understood. He was transported to Police Headquarters for processing. He was charged with Larceny in the 6th Degree. He was released on a non-surety bond and was scheduled to appear in New Britain Court on 6/6/2016.

Support Services Bureau

Six persons were taken into custody and held requiring 109 hours of incarceration. Of the persons held, four were arrested on warrants. Five males and one female were transported to court. The female incarcerated by the department required 20 hours of matron and/or officer coverage.

There were 148 phone calls and 53 calls for service involving animal control issues. Of the calls for service, forty-four were handled by the part-time animal control officers and nine were handled by police officers. Five animals were impounded with four being redeemed and one being sold as a pet. Wethersfield Animal Control Officers covered for seven calls in Newington. Newington Animal Control Officers covered for six calls in Wethersfield.

Wethersfield Police Department Child Seat Technicians inspected/installed 1 child seat.

Wethersfield Public Safety Dispatchers received and handled 898 E-911 emergency phone calls.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Fire Department (WVFD) was dispatched to 46 calls for service.

The Wethersfield Volunteer Ambulance (WVAA) was dispatched to 88 calls for service and Aetna Ambulance to 287 calls for service.

Training Division

On Monday, May 2, 2016, Officer Shane Murphy, along with his canine, Marley, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Murphy and Marley participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking, and narcotics searches.

On Wednesday, May 4, 2016 members of the **Capitol Region Emergency Services Team (CREST,)** including Lieutenant Mark Poisson, MPO Luis Gonzalez, and Officers Ronald Floyd, Jeffry Poulin and Shane Murphy, began attending monthly two-day training.

On May 16, 19, 26, 27, Dispatchers and Dispatch certified officers attended a one day course entitled, "**NextGen 911 System Training.**" Training was held at Science Park, New Haven, CT. This training is for the new 911 system that is being implemented throughout the state of CT.

On Monday, May 16, 2016, Officers Joel Diloreto and Edwin Dailey began attending the five day "**Capitol Region Police Recertification Program.**" This training was held at the East Hartford Police Department, East Hartford, CT. This forty hour class is mandatory every three years to keep officers certified in the State of Connecticut. The training encompasses a wide variety of training including legal updates, bias crimes, patrol procedures, juvenile law and domestic violence laws.

On Tuesday, May 17, 2016, Officer Nuno Martins, along with his canine, Thor, attended a one day training class entitled "**Police Canine/ Police Canine Handler Training.**" Officer Martins and Thor participated in this monthly canine training with several other area law enforcement canine teams. Training included evidence recovery and tracking.

On Wednesday, May 18, 2016, members of the **Midstate Major Crime Squad (MSMC),** including Lieutenant Mark Poisson and Detectives Michael Patkoske and Christopher Morris, began attending monthly training. MSMC is a team comprising of Detectives from the Midstate Towns, who work together to investigate major incidents.

During the week of May 23-27, 2016 the WPD Training Unit conducted "**Spring 2016 Firearms Training.**" Forty-two (42) officers participated in this training. Training was held at the Berlin Police/ Mattabasset Gun Range, Berlin, CT. Officers were required to complete a 60 round qualification course, which all officers successfully passed. Officers also a short scenario which involved contact with a suspicious person. Officers were required to successfully deal with the situation using proper decision making. Officers were required to take a written test on the nomenclature of the Glock handgun. All officers passed this test. Fourteen (14) Officers also qualified with the Colt AR-15 patrol rifle. Several officers were also certified in Non-Division Issued Firearms.

On Tuesday, May 24, 2016, Officer Eric Knapp attended a one day training class entitled "**Effective Police Interactions with Youth.**" Training was held at the Courtyard by Marriott,

Cromwell, CT. Officers were trained on youth behavior and strategies for interacting effectively with youth.

Administrative Services Bureau

This department has responded to 37 alarm calls in month of May. Residential locations made up 23 (62%) of the total, non-residential locations made up 12 (32%), and State / Town government made up 2 (5%) of the total alarm incidents. The alarms received were: 33 burglar, 1 holdup / panic, and 3 Fire. There currently are 1,745 alarm registrations on file, 36 of which experienced alarm(s) this month; this represents a 97% compliance rate. Four new alarm registrations were entered this month. During this month, \$625.00 in alarm billing has occurred. There have been 115 actions performed by this unit with the CryWolf system, and 104 items of correspondence sent out.

Detective Division

Wethersfield Detectives continue to work with various agencies around the greater Hartford area in an effort to apprehend those offenders responsible for breaking into unlocked cars, especially in the night time hours. Wethersfield and the surrounding towns have experienced a high rate of thefts from unlocked vehicles. Several of these cases have turned into stolen vehicles as keys have been left in these vehicles. There are several groups of offenders committing these offenses as several people have been caught and arrested. Wethersfield and other towns have put out public service announcements trying to get the public to alert police departments if they see suspicious behavior, and to lock your cars and bring valuables into your homes.

Wethersfield officers assisted the DEA with a large scale fentanyl investigation that culminated in many arrests and seizures. During the execution of the warrants that led to the arrests, 2.5 kilograms of fentanyl, 2 kilograms of molly, 50,000 counterfeit Xanax pills; 40 pounds of marijuana; butane hash oil; steroids; and \$500,000 in cash were seized as well.

Juvenile Detective

The Wethersfield Police Department handled approximately 37 incidents, involving approximately 54 juveniles during the month of May 2016. In these incidents there were 3 Juvenile arrests, 1 Juveniles was diverted for parental discipline, 2 Juveniles were diverted for school discipline and 2 Juveniles were seen at the Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board "JRB".

School Resource Officer – High School

During the month of May the WHS SRO covered a total of twenty-eight (28) incidents including activities at the school. Three (3) reports were completed. Two incident reports

and one accident report were completed. The incident reports included assault / breach of peace and larceny. There was one (1) arrest at the school during the month of May; Assault 3rd Degree & Breach of Peace 2nd Degree.

The WHS SRO along with an assistant principal responded to the scene of a three (3) vehicle collision involving a total of four students. Multiple parties transported to the hospital. Parents contacted.

The SRO participated in the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board. The WHS SRO attended a STARS/SRBI (Support Team - Assistance & Response Early Intervention Program - Scientific Research-Based Intervention) meeting for at risk youths at WHS. The WHS SRO attended the weekly Attendance Meetings: Topic discussion centered on State of CT mandates for attendance & students with issues this academic school year.

The WHS SRO performed selective enforcement on school grounds and for motor vehicle violations. The WHS SRO participated in the Junior Advisory class for the month of April. The WHS SRO attended the Youth Advisory Board meeting for the month of May. The WHS SRO assisted school administrators with a lock-down drill. The WHS SRO attended two Integrated Science classes to assist in a class on electricity. Topic included information on the Taser.

School Resource Officer – Middle School

During the month of May the SRO covered a total of 57 incidents including activities at the school, which were entered into the School Cop database. The SRO attended and presented at Safety, Crisis and Administrative meetings regarding radio communications and emergency response. The SRO conducted a bicycle safety class to a group of students. The SRO assisted all Health classes by presenting about personal boundaries with relation to peer conflicts. The SRO instructed a class with regard to current safety issues and internet safety.

The SRO attended the Crisis Management team meetings with BOE, Administration, Guidance, Nurses, and Security. The SRO participated in the sessions of the Town of Wethersfield Juvenile Review Board. This is for juveniles who reside in our town when they are deferred from the Juvenile Justice System to our board. The SRO assisted school administrator's with fire drills.

COMMUNITY RELATIONS

Based on citizen concerns and traffic study results, officers performed selective enforcement at various locations throughout town 9 different times for a total of approximately 4 hours 32

minutes. Locations given extra attention included Silas Deane Highway, Goff Road and Cedar Street.

The Speed Awareness Monitor Trailer was used for a traffic study in the area of 469 Coppermill Road (display facing southbound traffic) over the course of five (5) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 96 survey hours, 3,709 cars were recorded. Results from the device showed an average speed of approximately 26 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 33 MPH and a top speed of 46 MPH.

A traffic study in the area of 47 Harold Street was initiated and completed utilizing a speed monitoring device over the course of fourteen (14) days. During the 320 survey hours, 2,491 cars were recorded, averaging 8 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 19 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 18 MPH, the 85th percentile speed of approximately 23 MPH and a top speed of 40 MPH.

The SafePace Speed Sign was used for a traffic study in the area of 65 Broad Street was over the course of nineteen (19) days. The posted speed limit in this area is 30 MPH. During the 447.75 survey hours, 45,166 cars were recorded, averaging approximately 100 cars per hour. Results from the speed monitoring device showed an average speed of approximately 26 MPH, the 50th percentile speed of 28 MPH and the 85th percentile speed of approximately 37 MPH.

The following work orders were completed during May, 2016:

- For the Memorial Day Parade on Saturday, May 28, 2016 cones, barricades, and temporary "No Parking" signs were placed on numerous streets, including State Street, Nott Street, Garden Street, Church Street, Main Street and Broad Street, in Old Wethersfield.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Wethersfield detectives are assisting with patrol personnel and the development of active narcotic cases. Detectives are also working closely with the Drug Enforcement Administration to investigate local individuals.

The some of the Wethersfield Police Cadets will be preparing for the Cadet Academy held at the University of Hartford during the week of July 24 thru July 30.

The Wethersfield Fireworks will be held on Saturday, June 4, 2016 at the Wethersfield Cove.

The annual 5K Keane Foundation Road Race will be held on Sunday June 5, 2016 at 11 AM.

Wethersfield High School Graduation is scheduled for Wednesday, June 15, 2016 at the Wethersfield Cove Park.

PERFORMANCE MEASURES

	May 2015	May 2016	YTD 2015	YTD 2016
Criminal Arrests				
Criminal Arrests	69	46	362	302
Burglaries and Robberies				
Residential Burglaries	0	4	5	11
Commercial Burglaries	0	0	0	2
Armed Robberies	1	0	1	0
Strong-Arm Robberies	0	0	0	0
Family Violence Arrests				
Family Violence Arrests	7	6	33	28
Traffic Related				
Infractions/ MV Summons	197	114	897	700
DUI	13	7	26	33
MV Crashes	74	53	322	370
Parking Tags	159	160	360	602
Miscellaneous Activities				
911 Calls	1089	898	4681	4148
Alarm Responses	53	37	306	202
Records Requests	213	210	1119	968
Prisoners Transported	16	6	64	59
Child Car Seat Installations	1	1	23	15